

# Village Voice

## A Lifelong Pursuit



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# Save The Date



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## SEWICKLEY Community Festival | 2017

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Parade beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Syria Shriners  
Pittsburgh Police Emerald Society Pipes & Drums  
Numerous police departments from the Pittsburgh area  
Dedication of the NEW Veterans Garden  
Tours of the community  
Vendor craft show  
Wing cook-off  
Food and refreshments

Kids' activities: petting zoo, bounce house and face painting  
Musical guests: Donna and Mark Groom, the Quaker Valley Marching Band and DJ Phil Lenz  
Local businesses, fire and rescue and Masonic groups  
Masonic Village Farm Market

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## ELIZABETHTOWN Autumn Day | 2017

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join members and friends at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown for entertainment, information, food served from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., farm market stands, children's games, music, model trains, classic cars, farm animals, Masonic family organization booths and much more. Autumn Day provides the perfect opportunity to visit with family members, reunite with friends and tour parts of the 1,400-acre campus, including newly-completed renovations.



# MASONIC VILLAGES

## Welcomes *New Leadership*



Debra Brockman

**DEBRA A. BROCKMAN** was promoted to chief human resources and compliance officer in May 2017. She joined the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown in 2004 as director of outreach, later assuming responsibility for marketing, admissions and other community outreach services. Her most recent position was vice president of human resources for Ashlar Creative Solutions, a consulting and management firm owned and operated by the Masonic Villages.

Debra chairs the organization's human resources leadership team and is responsible for the overall strategic direction of employment, compensation, benefits, organization development and training. As chair of the corporate wellness committee, Debra leads Masonic Villages' wellness initiative and strategic planning. She also consults for Ashlar Creative Solutions.

Debra earned her bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation from York College, and she completed a master's degree in health administration from Penn State University.

Debra served on the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce Board and school board for both St. Peter's Parochial School and Brittany's Hope Foundation. She and her husband, Dan, reside in Elizabethtown and have one son.



Michael Dilley

**MICHAEL P. DILLEY** brings 23 years of experience to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown as director of rehab services. He has practiced physical therapy in four different states and every sector but pediatrics. Most recently, Michael served as director of rehab for Country Meadows in Hershey and Wyomissing, Pa. Knee injuries from high school sports caused him to become a patient, encouraging him to study physical therapy in college. In his role, Michael plans and manages the campus' rehab services, as well as supervises and guides managerial staff.

Michael earned his degree in physical therapy from Daemen College. He lives in Wrightsville with his wife and their five children. Michael says his favorite hobby is "playing taxi driver" to his children's multiple activities. He also coaches baseball, and of the last four league championships, his teams won three.



Cheryl Hohrath

**CHERYL A. HOHRATH** has been named the director of home health, a service new to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown and its surrounding communities. Cheryl oversees the day-to-day direction, coordination and general supervision of home health services. Before coming to Masonic Village, Cheryl worked as a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and a transplant coordinator for the Gift of Life Donor Program.

A member of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association, Cheryl received her bachelor's in nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing and her master's in nursing leadership and management from Walden University.

Cheryl and her family live in East Hempfield. "I enjoy making people happy and knowing I made a difference," Cheryl said of her work. In life, she loves supporting her daughter's competitive cheerleading endeavors, as well as all else "being a mom" requires.



**REBECCA M. MEYER**, Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's new director of short-term rehab, previously worked as a corporate nurse for the Wilmac Corporation. In her current position, Rebecca plans and manages the campus' Transitional Care Unit for short-term rehabilitation, as well as supervises and guides managerial staff.

A graduate of Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, Rebecca is currently finishing her bachelor's degree in nursing. She lives in Cornwall with her family and French bulldog, Lucy. In her free time, Rebecca loves to read, travel, spend time with her family and attend her daughters' many sports events.

**JOANN M. SEIGEL** has joined Masonic Villages as the corporate director of pharmacy services. With 30 years' experience in pharmacy services for long-term care communities, Joann most recently worked as the director of pharmacy operations at Curtis Pharmacy. Joann will head the pharmacy department's efforts to expand the service across Masonic Villages' Pennsylvania locations. After receiving her bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Duquesne University, she began actively participating in the school's alumni association.

Joann has always lived in Pittsburgh and currently resides in the city's Upper St. Clair suburb with her husband. She enjoys taking the train to visit her two children in Manhattan.

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# It Takes a Village



**\$45.4 MILLION** in charitable care and services provided across the state to individuals unable to pay for their care, thanks to the charity of Pennsylvania Freemasons, their families and others who have contributed to Masonic Villages' mission.

**\$13.26 MILLION** toward Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements with Lancaster, Luzerne and Allegheny counties; Aleppo, Dallas, West Donegal and Whitmarsh Townships; Elizabethtown Borough; and Dallas Area, Elizabethtown Area and Quaker Valley School Districts. As a not-for-profit organization, Masonic Villages is not required to pay real estate taxes; however, we value municipalities' services and understand their need for funding.



**900 POUNDS** of sheets, blankets, comforters and towels washed (without charge) for the winter shelter at St. Paul's Methodist Church, run by Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS). We also donated unused food, blankets and furniture no longer needed after renovations, and the Congregation of Sell Chapel contributed financial offerings. An Angel Tree displayed during the holidays featured items to assist shelter guests and led to an additional 170 items donated by residents and staff.



**\$15,000** given to the Elizabethtown Area Education Foundation to help generate support for the foundation's grant program to enhance learning experiences in the classroom and beyond.

# SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN 2016



**\$205,046** paid to subsidize high quality child care at the Masonic Village Child Care Center in Elizabethtown, managed by Bright Horizons. A total of 153 children, ages 6 weeks to 11 years, attended the center, 66 percent of whom came from the community and 34 percent of whom were related to Masonic Village staff. Tuition rates do not cover the cost of operations.

## WE WELCOME OTHERS

to use our facilities, whether they're hosting a charity run, prom, health fair, conference or educational opportunity. We also serve as a polling precinct in Elizabethtown and Lafayette Hill. Masonic Village at Elizabethtown donated approximately \$50,000 worth of space for the Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation & Community Services (GEARS) to host fitness classes, thanks to a mutually beneficial agreement.



## 9,630 HOURS

and \$79,000 of staff time contributed to supervising 120+ students in clinical settings, including the Adult Daily Living Center and pharmacy, as well as nursing, physical and occupational therapy, music therapy, social services and therapeutic recreation departments. Based on national community benefits reporting standards, 20 percent of staff time may be quantified as a community benefit.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

*"I wanted to express my thanks and gratitude to you and your staff for helping us get through the Blizzard of 2016. Your staff did a wonderful job keeping our station clear of the snow. It was a perfect storm of wind and snow, and it dumped on us. That weekend, we ran 46 emergency calls from our stations, and with your team helping us, we got to reach everyone who called 911. Thank you for your help in keeping the station safe and ready for emergencies."*

- **Scott Kingsboro**, executive director  
Northwest Emergency Medical Services





## \$22,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

presented to graduating seniors of Elizabethtown Area and Quaker Valley High Schools who have volunteered at least 100 hours at Masonic Village. Youth volunteers across all campuses assist residents, learn about the health care service field and build meaningful friendships.

*"I loved getting to know the residents, hearing stories of their adventures and occasionally playing violin for them. Volunteering at Masonic Village was a great way to be involved with my community and make a difference. I'm truly grateful for my wonderful experiences with both the recreation department and the residents."*

- **Sabine Gross**, volunteer at Masonic Village at Sewickley and 2016 scholarship recipient

**\$156,660** in financial donations to local charitable groups. Recipients included The Foundation of The Lancaster Chamber, Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce, Friendship Fire & Hose Company, Rheems Fire Department, Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary, Back Mountain Regional Fire & EMS, Dallas Rotary Club, Dallas High School, Community Cares for Kids, the Luzerne Foundation, Aleppo Volunteer Fire Department, Sewickley Public Library and Children's Dyslexia Center of Pittsburgh. Collectively, Masonic Villages' five locations contributed to the Raising a Reader program, which provides books, materials, parent training, engagement support and library connections to empower children to read, learn and succeed.

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Masonic Village partners with schools in the community for mutually beneficial intergenerational programming among senior residents and youth.

*"Our center deals with high-risk children who may not have grandparents or a father figure in their lives. The visits are really beneficial to the students and residents. Some of the students cry when they can't come."*

- **Chris Viteo**, director of Prodigy Learning Center, who also works as an RN part-time at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill



## CARING FOR KIDS

Funded through generous contributions, the Masonic Children's Home does not charge individuals, organizations, or units of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or federal government for its services. It provides a home for youth who come from various social or economic environments which do not provide necessary security and support. Children do not need to have a Masonic affiliation in their family to be eligible for services. Masonic Village is responsible for the enrollment of up to 40 children in the Elizabethtown Area School District. In 2016, the school district received an additional \$366,053 through reciprocity agreements with the school districts from which the children come to us.

**\$77,405** in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten scholarships were awarded to income-qualified families in 2016, thanks to Masonic Villages' participation in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program and donations from local businesses. The scholarships supported families attending the Masonic Village Child Care Centers in Elizabethtown and Sewickley, Dr. Curley Early Childhood Training Institute, PSECU Child Care Center and St. Joseph's Creative Beginnings Center.



## RESIDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Many residents have been committed to their communities for much of their lives. Whether it's volunteering on campus or off, they give back in a variety of ways. The Woodworking Club in Sewickley crafted 740 wooden toys for patients at the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie facility. Five residents in Dallas volunteered their time to help restore a cupola which once stood atop a local school. Through the Congregation of Sell Chapel's Community Outreach ministry, members donated \$23,385 in offerings to charities in the Elizabethtown area. Residents in Lafayette Hill actively volunteer with the Flourtown Fire Company, Keystone Hospice, Philadelphia Bible Society, Meals on Wheels and other organizations.

## 855,000 GALLONS

of water saved thanks to a newly-installed laundry system in Elizabethtown. Implementing eco-friendly operations and initiatives is an important investment in the future of our communities and planet, whether it's restoring a portion of the Conoy Creek, installing a solar power plant or protecting soil and water resources while operating a beef cattle and farm enterprise. A new automatic brine system has reduced Masonic Village's carbon footprint annually by 18,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>.



# Village Happenings



## Adopt-a-Road

Residents in Dallas once again participated in the beautification of the roads leading to the Dallas campus through the Adopt-a-Road program with PennDOT. Thank you for helping to keep our campus and community beautiful!



## A Fan of All Things Music

Becky Williams is a huge fan of singer Ben Folds and of Masonic Village's music therapy program. She was ecstatic to learn Ben is also a strong advocate for music therapy. Becky has met him six times, and at a recent concert, she shared a letter with him from Ann Dinsmore, supervisor of music therapy, about Masonic Village's program.



## High Tea

Residents in Lafayette Hill enjoyed a traditional high tea in celebration of Mother's Day.



## Foolish Fashion

The annual Spring Social in Sewickley was full of fun and games! Residents enjoyed a "Foolish Fashion Show" during the event, organized by the Resident Life Enrichment Advisory Council and recreation department volunteers.

## Great Way to Garden

Warm summer weather is ideal for gardening, and raised garden beds make it even easier for lifelong enthusiasts to dig in. Gardeners in Lafayette Hill grow flowers, vegetables and herbs – colorful and delicious!



## Summer Fun

Residents, staff and families in Warminster gathered for their annual summer picnic which included dancing, eating and splashing.



## Farm Market Days

Throughout the summer, the Masonic Village Farm Market brings fresh produce and other goodies to residents and staff in the Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown.



## Great Sports

At the Lancaster County Senior Games, residents competed in a variety of events, including pickleball, basketball, shuffleboard, golf, swimming and many others. About more than medals, the games bring out the spirit of competition in everyone.

## Pirates and Penguins

The William Slater II Master Mason's Club in Sewickley escorted a few residents from the Sturgeon Health Care Center out to lunch. They discussed, among other things, local favorites the Pirates and the Penguins.





### Flyswatter Madness

During the annual Flyswatter Volleyball tournament in Elizabethtown, residents and staff took a swat at being crowned champion.



### Senior Safety

Walking with confidence and maintaining awareness of one's surroundings are important to avoid becoming a target for assault or theft. Residents in Dallas picked up tips and best practices during a Senior Safety seminar.



### Outdoor Concert Season

Residents in Elizabethtown and Sewickley have been taking in the sights and sounds of the season during outdoor concerts.

### Great Catch

Residents in Sewickley went on a fishing excursion and enjoyed some friendly competition to see who could catch the biggest and the most fish.



### Best of Brunch

The Irem Clubhouse was voted Best of Sunday Brunch as part of "The Citizens' Voice" Readers Voice Awards. Diners, including Masonic Village residents in Dallas, couldn't agree more: "It's the only place we go to eat," Rosalie Cunningham said. "We meet friends there after church every Sunday."



### Celebrating Life

Masonic Village Hospice celebrated life and love during a garden party and benefit. The event featured a special menu with food and drink inspired by the lives and memories of current and former patients. Thank you to everyone who has supported Masonic Village Hospice.

### All Stars

The Mummers All-Stars paid a visit to Lafayette Hill for some colorful entertainment.



### A Very Special Slipper

In Dallas, two residents and widows received Blue Slipper pins. The little blue slipper is an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, daughters and widows.

# *A Lifelong Pursuit*

***“There is no limit to the human mind when it comes to curiosity.”***



To those who worked in education or those fascinated with interesting facts, the pursuit of knowledge is never-ending.

Residents have often compared life at Masonic Villages to that of a college campus. While they've swapped dorms for spacious suites, apartments, villas or cottages, and dine in restaurants steps above cafeterias, they still enjoy hitting the books (without the pressure of final exams).

“It keeps your brain fresh, and it's a nice way to socially interact with others,” resident Barbara Kolchin said of attending lifelong learning programs in Dallas. “We never had time when we were working to do this sort of thing.”

According to a Pew Research Center survey, 73 percent of adults consider themselves lifelong learners. For some, learning is about making their life more interesting and full. Others want to learn something that will allow them to help people more effectively. For those with grandchildren, they may want to keep up with what they're learning.

“Being healthy intellectually is as important to our psyche and our spirit as being healthy physically and spiritually,” Liz Grosh, recreation coordinator in Elizabethtown, said. “No matter what your age, mental stimulation is important to overall health and wellness.”

Across Masonic Villages, residents find opportunities to engage in lifelong learning programs, college courses and discussion groups.

Masonic Village at Dallas is surrounded by five colleges and universities, including Misericordia University (located steps away), King's College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes University and Luzerne County Community College, all offering educational opportunities. Professors and other local experts present lectures and demonstrations on campus, and residents gather for Bible study and social groups.

In Elizabethtown, programs range from farm tours to residents giving a presentation on wine making to courses instructed by local college professors. Many of the ideas for programs stem from residents' suggestions. The Lancaster County Life Story Writing group exchanges ideas and stories; the Open Door group covers instruction in math, science, philosophy and more; and the Inquisitives group takes a rational look at some of America's serious social problems.

Staff in Lafayette Hill seek a variety of programs each month which offer the chance to explore something new or remember something from the past. Recent program topics included Medicare Fraud Prevention, Strange But True, poetry readings and Bible studies. A health fair held annually highlights health issues and wellness options. Local youth volunteers help residents with computer skills and offer intergenerational opportunities.

Every week, residents in Sewickley gather for a lifelong learning video series and discussion. Groups also meet to discuss a variety of books and religious topics each month, Allegheny General Hospital presents a Health Living Series on a range of medical issues, and visiting experts cover everything from history to the latest consumer scam.

Thanks to the world travels of Trisha Lamb, activities director, residents in Warminster enjoy programs covering all ends of the earth. Her recent trip to Cuba inspired a party with Cuban food, music and displays. Trisha tries to incorporate education into all activities, whether it is reading the newspaper, learning the history of a holiday or meeting animals at a petting zoo.

“There is no limit to the human mind when it comes to curiosity,” Trisha said.



# Lessons from a Lifelong Learner

By Megan Hess, public relations intern

Jill Bucks has a lot of stories about her students, but as a professional, she won't tell any of them.

Jill, a resident of Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, taught high school health and physical education for 28 years before recently retiring in June 2017. After graduating from Hershey High School in 1970, Jill continued her education at West Chester State College (now West Chester University), earning a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1974.

*"It just seemed like a natural transition," Jill said.*

She graduated from West Chester with membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for education majors. By guiding her students on the journey to good physical, emotional and mental health through instruction, Jill has fulfilled the society's mission to "advance quality education by inspiring teachers to prepare all learners for future challenges."

As a teacher, she most enjoyed "being able to see kids improve over time" and teaching skills they would have for a lifetime. Out of all the sports she taught in physical education, Jill's favorite was pickleball - a badminton/ping-pong hybrid, which many of her former students also loved. She still enjoys playing today.

*"When I retired, the other teachers gave me a signed pickleball paddle," she said.*

The teacher put herself back into a student's shoes when she returned to West Chester for her master's in health and physical education, a degree she completed in 1980. But one master's degree was not enough for Jill. In 1986, she received her master's in educational administration from Shippensburg University.

*"Leadership always came naturally to me," she said, "and continuing your education is part of the process of improving yourself."*

Advanced degrees have many benefits, including pay increases, but Jill believes not everyone is suited to go back to school.

*"Life can throw many challenges at us that make it difficult to continue our education," she said. "Family, jobs, lack of funding and distance to an educational institution can prevent people from continuing. But we must continue to learn new things. You have to be a lifelong learner."*

She has similar advice for aspiring teachers.

*"It's not just about liking students. You also have to like your subject matter and believe what you're doing is important," Jill explained. "People bring different percentages to the job, but you can't have one without the other."*

While some use retirement - for many, a calmer period of life with less obligations than the days when they worked or raised a family - to sit back, relax and watch the world go by, Jill works out five days a week. She walks, runs, swims and uses the machines at the Baird Wellness Center on campus.

*"When you're working, you think you're being active, but you're really not," she said.*

Along with giving her more time to exercise, retirement has allowed Jill to become more active in the Order of the Eastern Star. A member of Hershey Chapter No. 509, Jill was the Deputy Grand Matron for District 6B for 2016-2017. Her father was a Mason for over 60 years, and her husband is a member of Brownstone Lodge No. 666 in Hershey.

*"All the energy I put into teaching is now going into the Order of the Eastern Star," Jill said.*

Retirement for Jill means more time to continue her passion for learning outside the classroom/gymnasium, while also squeezing in the occasional pickleball match.

# Opening Minds and Doors

When Nona Chern was a young woman, career options were limited. From the age of 11, she was determined not to let discrimination get in her or anyone else's way. Her drive led her to help open the door for future generations of ambitious young women.

As a young girl, Nona moved from Atlantic City to Philadelphia. She recalls it being a difficult, but eye-opening move.

"Nobody came to me and offered help except one black girl," she recalls. "Another white girl said I shouldn't talk to her, or no one else would talk to me. I was 11 years old, and I realized I hated discrimination."

Nona had a strong interest in music but decided to major in childhood education in college. She attended Temple University and graduated when the country was in the midst of World War II. She heard there was a need for engineers to help with war efforts, and wanting to support her country, she enrolled in an engineering program. After being interviewed by the Signal Corps, she found she would be working for a colonel who did not like women.

"I told him, 'I don't really work for you, I work for the country,'" she said upon walking out.

She was interviewed for a job in mechanical drawing but decided to go to work teaching 3- and 4-year-olds at a private nursery school. When Nona married, she worked as a substitute teacher in Philadelphia School District teaching sixth grade and then kindergarten. When she became pregnant, she gave up teaching.

Her family moved to Broomall, and when her son was in third grade and her daughter in kindergarten, the superintendent asked if she'd consider substitute teaching. She took a temporary position and was asked if she'd be interested in working full-time again. When the offer was suddenly dropped, she learned it was because she was Jewish.

"It was very upsetting to me," she said. Not letting it deter her from her career pursuits, when

applying for a position with another school district, she made sure the conditions were clear up front.

"I'm Jewish," Nona said during the interview. "If you're not intending to hire me, let me know now. He said he was only interested if I could teach."

Nona was asked to teach reading in the summer for the county, and she worked hard to learn the best methods. The district's reading consultant recommended she earn a degree in reading. She applied at University of Penn and received a fellowship.

"It was an eye opener," she said. "I knew more than I thought and had more ability. I did well and got my master's degree and became a reading consultant. I had the whole school district, K through 12, on my shoulders. I learned I was creative and could do anything."

Nona continued to advance her career and decided to leave the field of reading to "teach teachers." She earned her doctorate at Temple University and was hired as a professor of elementary education at West Chester State College (now West Chester University).

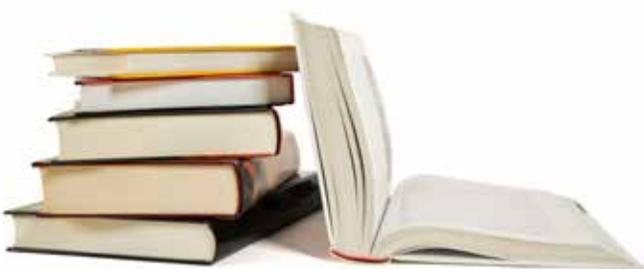
Described in the college's 1977 "Serpentine" yearbook as "a decisive, self-assured professor," Nona was at the forefront of a new program, offering a concentration in reading to elementary education majors. It wasn't popular at first, but the program was eventually embraced and one of the prouder accomplishments of her career.

"All good teachers are teachers of reading, but something else is more important. As teachers, we have to know a great deal about ourselves before we can teach children," she was quoted in the yearbook.

*Nona felt every child should have an opportunity to learn the way that was best for them.*

"They each learn differently," she said. "It's a teacher's job to find out what they don't know, what they do know and what they're confused about. That's the difficult part of teaching. Learning how to think beyond whom, what, when and where."

"I still meet former students who tell me I was one of the best professors they ever had. They tell me, 'You taught me to be a teacher and taught me how to teach.' That was an accomplishment for me. The students appreciated me. I told them, 'At the end of the semester, my aim is to make you uncomfortable. You will go seek your own answers.'"





*Nona, right, shown with friend Sandra Shillenn*

Nona's last career move was becoming a full professor. It took almost five years to get it. She ended up taking the matter to court, along with four other women. She traveled back and forth to Harrisburg during the 5-year battle. Eventually, they succeeded, and all five women received full professorships.

"After we went through court, the provost told the president, 'They deserve it, just give it to them,'" Nona recalls. She said to the president, "'You're nothing but a moral coward.' He didn't disagree with me. There was a concerted effort to keep women down."

When Nona retired, she was made professor emeritus – a special honor.

"I was never discouraged. My husband was always proud of me. When I had problems, he supported me. I fought against injustice. When I spoke to a group of women once,

I told them 'I want you to know, if it wasn't for people like me, you wouldn't be here. I fought your battles.'"

***Nona's determination and curiosity remain fervent.***

"I have a very curious mind. If I read something, I have to find out about it," she said. "I'm interested in everything, especially creative and analytical thinking."

Nona has a lot to be proud of, but these days, it's the achievements of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren that make her smile. One grandson, a director of the National Institutes of Health, was also made an associate professor by Georgetown University. The other is a radiologist.

Although retired, Nona remains a learner, teacher and leader at heart.

# Learning For a Living

As a professor, Bill Puffenberger believed there was no better way for his students to learn than through first-hand experiences. He also practiced what he preached at home, taking his wife around the world, including a year in China.

Bill has dedicated his career and life to enlightening himself and imparting knowledge on others, encouraging them to form their own ideas and philosophies.

He grew up in the Church of the Brethren and attended Bridgewater College in Virginia, where he roomed with the son of a pastor. These experiences and his deep interest in religion and philosophy led him to apply to seminary, which was also to his advantage because of the deferment for ministerial students and Bill's stance as a conscientious objector.

As an ordained Brethren minister, Bill realized early on he wasn't immensely suited to stand behind a pulpit. His ideas were different than his parishioners, and he was interested in teaching. He and his wife, Kitty, an English teacher, headed to Boston, and Bill studied at Boston University and Harvard University to earn his doctorate degree.

In the fall of 1967, they moved to Elizabethtown, where Bill had accepted a position at Elizabethtown College in the religious studies department, where he spent the next 32 years.

"I thought I'd only be here a few years," he said. "It was a very conservative institution, and I thought, 'What did I get myself into?' The longer I was here, the more I enjoyed my situation.

*"It was a lifelong learning opportunity. Where else can you get a job where you can constantly learn and do what you want? I had a direct hand in shaping the direction of the department. It was wonderful in that respect."*

The college gradually moved in a more liberal direction. When Bill first arrived, he taught a world religions class that covered 15 to 20 different religions. He turned it into two courses, one on Eastern religions and one on Western religions. As department chair,

he created numerous new courses in Zen Buddhism, Buddhist studies, Muslim studies and peace studies.

He also taught courses in ethics, biomedical ethics for nurses and premed students, and business ethics. His aim in these classes wasn't to give all the answers, but to teach a way of thinking and to foster moral development. If a person starts with good values, according to Bill, ethical decisions in business and life are done differently.

Inspired by one of his former professors, Bill incorporated audiovisuals and field trips into his courses so students could hear and see what they were learning. He took students to Harrisburg to observe Orthodox Jewish and Greek Orthodox services, and arranged a weekend trip to Washington, D.C., to meditate with Buddhists, practice yoga with Hindus, visit with Hare Krishnas and tour a Japanese bonsai collection at the National Arboretum. Former students tell him these trips were some of the most memorable parts of their education.

"I worked hard to develop first-hand exposure," he said. "I had them write a paper reflecting on the trips, which they couldn't copy from any other source. I encouraged them to understand and appreciate the strengths, weaknesses, differences and similarities of various religions, so they could pick and choose and form their own. I asked them to question the traditions of their parents. Questioning is good. It leads to critical thinking and the understanding that they have the freedom to choose.

*"Steal a good idea wherever you find it, and then develop your own life philosophies. Stay true to yourself."*

Another of his teaching techniques included a chart, in the form of a mountain, with the basic religions around the bottom. At the top was the one object or deity which was the focus of each religion. The mountain had multiple ways to reach the top, much like each religion charts its own path to follow. Once you're at the top, each individual comes to understand and appreciate the essence of the religion's pursuit.

Through his studies of various religions, Bill considers himself to be non-traditional: a Brethren-Unitarian-Buddhist, or "BUB."

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"Buddhism speaks to me, as does Unitarianism and as does the Brethren emphasis on peace and simple life," he said. "Any truth in any faith is okay. It's not one size fits all."

During a sabbatical in 1978, Bill made his first backpacking trip to India. He puddle-hopped around the country, visiting temples and shrines. He began purchasing religious artifacts, and upon his return home, had an entire suitcase full of items. When he arrived at U.S. Customs in New York, the officer seemed suspicious about his purchases, but when Bill told him he was professor, the man let him pass without any further questions.

He made many more trips to India, Japan and China. In his early travels, not wanting to spend a lot, Bill slept in cemeteries, hotel lobbies and airports. His collection of artifacts grew as he added statues, acupuncture sets, prayer beads and more. One of his most prized items was a carving of Confucius, a Chinese philosopher, teacher and political figure. It was apparent to the seller that Bill really wanted the statue, so despite bargaining, Bill paid full price.

"These items were valuable to me and my classes," he said. "I could remember where I got each piece and make my lessons come to life for students."

Upon his retirement, he donated more than 250 Asian religious artifacts to Elizabethtown College, where Dr. Jeffrey Long, professor of religion and Asian studies, uses them in his teachings.

Kitty eventually joined him in his travels. A few of the highlights of their travels included visiting Buddhist and Taoist temples and experiencing the incense burning and hearing the monks chanting. While in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, they were able to see and enter the head of the famous Kamakura Buddha statue.

"People were very kind," Bill said. "As non-Asians, you stand out in a crowd, but they want to stop and teach you."

"In a way, they appreciate you being there to learn their customs," Kitty said.

In 1990, with their kids raised and out of the house, Bill took a year-long sabbatical. He and Kitty traveled to China, just a year after the Tiananmen Square massacre. They were able to see more than half the country, although they were disappointed they didn't make it to Tibet. They couldn't get visas due to political tensions.

During their stay, Kitty taught conversational English, and Bill taught master's level courses in English. It was a good experience for both of them.

"I wouldn't trade that year for anything," Kitty said.

Since Bill's retirement, their travels have also included a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, and a trip to Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and the Galapagos Islands.

Bill and Kitty moved to Masonic Village at Elizabethtown in March 2015. His interest in religious studies will never wane, but he also fills his time with hunting, coin collecting, puzzles, fly tying and fishing, gardening and building bird houses. He enjoys learning at every turn.

"Once you get into it, you can't get out," he said. "It's been a wonderful ride."

*Wherever you go,  
go with all your heart.*

~ Confucius





## *Human Resources*

Les and Gladys Carlisle enjoy the lifelong learning opportunities at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, but sometimes it's what happens after the weekly programs that is the most enlightening.

"Sometimes people raise questions, and you sit around and talk," Gladys said, "but not always about the subject. People bring up other topics, and it leads into other things."

"Sometimes we all go into dinner afterwards, and we carry on the discussion," Les said.

The programs consist of video recordings of professors' lectures or TV programs. Resident Marvin Weeden researches and develops a list of topics, based on resident feedback. He screens the programs ahead of time to make sure the topic is interesting and engaging. A world traveler, he loves exploring new places, subjects and ideas.

"These programs keep us stimulated and young mentally," Marvin said. "I'm here to keep living."

Popular topics include history and music, and most recently, the geological wonders of the world. Some of the topics span several weeks, with the same participants interacting with each other. Discussions that ensue lead to new discussions and, sometimes, friendships. For one new resident, whose wife passed away recently, it was a great opportunity to meet new people.

"Any subject that will keep people's minds involved is worthwhile," Les said. "If you sit in your room, you'll become a vegetable. One of the many things lifelong learning does is keep your mind active."

"It's educational and enjoyable," Gladys said. "Some people have traveled a lot in Europe and other places, but most of us haven't."

Les, a retired chemical engineer, also volunteers to run Channel 956, the campus television station, which involves updating slides and events. Gladys, a retired administrative secretary, also helps. Both used computers throughout their careers and appreciate learning new skills.

Lifelong learning opens up the door to a new world of topics spanning the globe and even the cosmos. Added to the variety of life experiences residents have to share, the possibilities seem endless, although there are a few boundaries.

"We cover current events and sports and other topics," Gladys said. "But not politics."

*“As humans,  
we learn all the time.”*

Barbara Kolchin



# DEDICATION *to Education*

Dr. John and Barbara Kolchin both worked in education. They served in separate capacities, but the reward was the same: pride in making a difference in the lives of children.

After majoring in economics at Brooklyn College, Barbara worked “behind the classroom” as a business administrator for three different school districts in New Jersey.

The best aspect of her job was “being able to help staff as much as I could,” Barbara said. “Some of the district offices were located in schools, so I could see the children and teachers. I had a very rewarding career.”

One of her most memorable achievements was being part of a team that transitioned cafeteria workers to a private company who hired them.

“The food became better, and the children were happier,” she said.

She also supervised the construction of a new school building. Children attended class in nine trailers until the school was built.

“It was challenging, but seeing the new school come to life was a wonderful accomplishment for everyone,” she said.

After teaching for seven years, John served 27 years as superintendent of three school districts. He retired from the Green Brook School District in Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1992. His time in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a control tower operator, led him down his career path.

“If it wasn’t for the GI Bill, I would have never gone to college,” John said.

While a sophomore at Moravian College, he was offered a position at the Philadelphia Airport. He worked in the control tower and discovered a lot of people had trouble reading the channels and procedures. He was constantly teaching others and realized he had found his calling: to become an educator.

“It’s been in my blood ever since,” John said. “I believe in the future of young people. It’s the future for the country.”

He earned his doctorate from Rutgers University in 1983. He then taught education on a graduate level as an adjunct professor at four different colleges in New Jersey.

One of his greatest accomplishments was keeping his district up-to-date with technology as computers became a trend in education. His district was one of the first to have all-day kindergarten in 1987, a new concept at the time. It was also one of the first to have Saturday detention, which “was interesting, especially for high school students,” he recalls.

“The rewarding part of my career was working with the staff and making sure children got a top notch education,” John said. “I’ve been retired for 25 years, and students and teachers have kept in touch with me.”

While they both welcomed retirement and their newfound free time, the Kolchins embraced it as an opportunity to continue learning new things and keep up with the education field.

“I was lucky to be in board offices when computers first came into the business world,” Barbara said. “After retirement, I didn’t want to give up my skills.”

When they moved to Masonic Village at Dallas 10 years ago, they immediately took advantage of neighboring Misericordia University and its former Elderhostel program. Week-long courses covered American history, theater, television’s influence on the public, science, psychology and more.

“We just loved it,” Barbara said. “We met people from all over the country.”

“I’m a staunch supporter of learning and keeping the brain engaged,” John said. “Just because we’re retired doesn’t mean we cannot contribute.”

“As humans, we learn all the time,” Barbara said. “John and I sit on the board of the West Side Food Pantry. We enjoy giving back. I’m also active in the Dallas chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and John has been a Mason for many years in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We’re constantly learning.”

They also read two newspapers a day, “Time” magazine and the “Sunday New York Times.” John and Barbara have influenced countless lives through their dedication to educating others, as well as themselves.

# *Life Made Better with* **New Technology**



“Our goal is to offer an affordable and seamless communication and technology package for all residents’ convenience and comfort.”

Technology has the power to make lives easier, safer, more engaging and more enjoyable. Masonic Villages has partnered with K4Connect, a technology company focused on serving and empowering older adults and individuals living with disabilities, to roll out new options which bring the latest technology directly to residents’ fingertips.

## **Test Pilot**

In April 2016, 40 residents at the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown participated in a pilot to test K4Connect’s home automation features (light switches, thermostats, pedometers, motion sensors, etc.) controlled through mobile devices. Participants included those who were computer savvy and those who have never owned a computer.

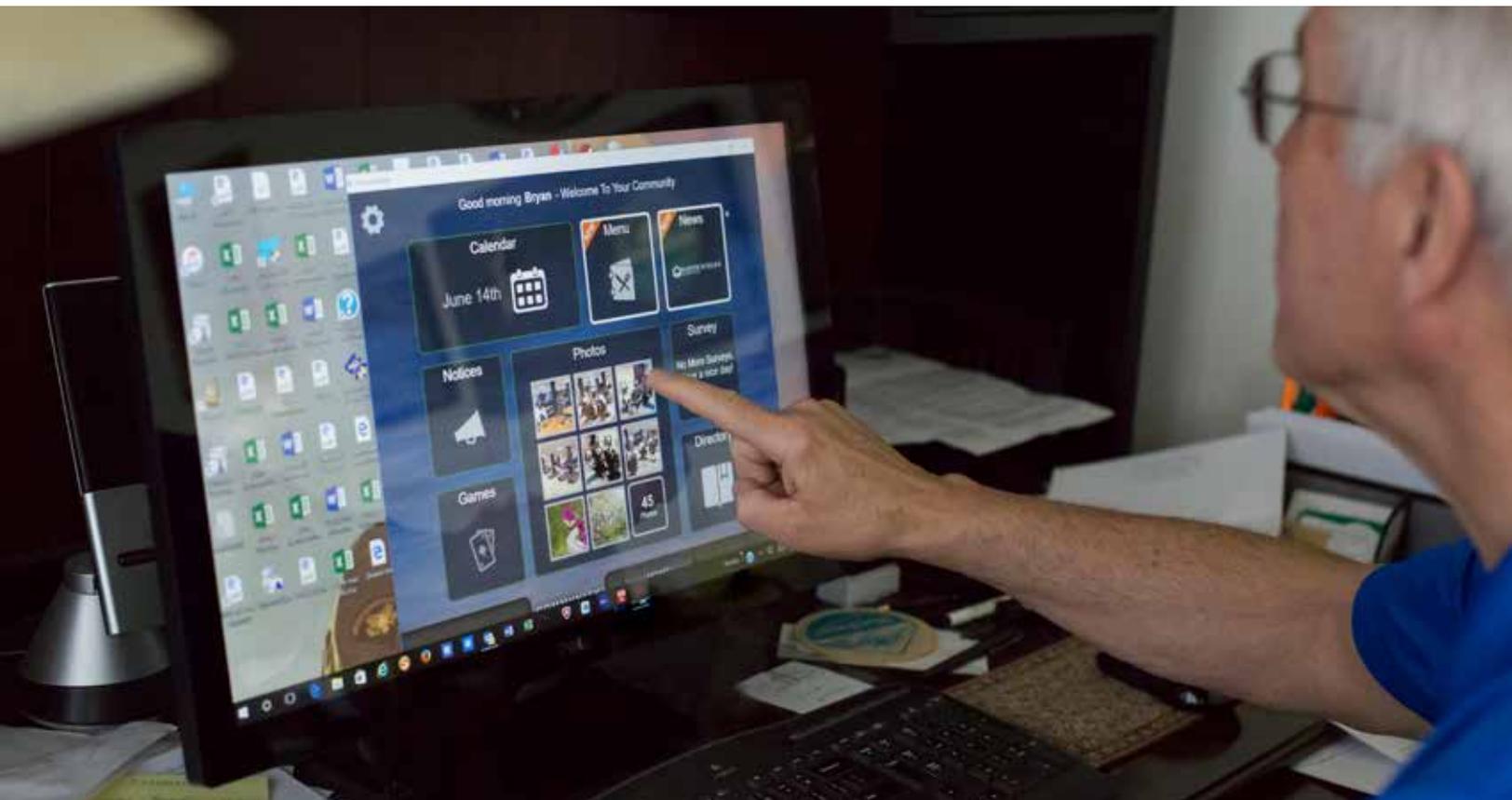
During a second pilot in early 2017, 148 residents tested a portal, a specially designed application that

serves as a single point of access for dining menus, campus news and updates, event calendars, games, photo/video sharing and more. It is accessible through smartphones, tablets and desktop computers.

“I think the convenient factor is once you get used to the application, you don’t have to go to a lot of different areas,” resident Linda Graham said. “The menus are there, the weather, the scheduling, any important changes that we need to know in the village. It’s pretty much one-stop shopping.”

Based on input shared during the pilots, K4Connect has customized the options for Masonic Villages’ residents.

“With all the amenities we have, and K4 is one of those, we have less stress,” Bryan Hill said. “I think with less stress in your life, you live longer, and you certainly live better.”



## What to Expect

The new options will be rolled out in stages. Steps include installing the network for broadband internet access throughout Masonic Villages' Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill and Sewickley campuses and providing residents a catalog of home automation options to purchase for their specific needs.

Options will include light switches and thermostats which can be programmed and controlled through any mobile device, motion sensors with light activation, and safety features such as sensors that alert staff when an individual has not moved throughout the day. New options will be continuously tested, providing the latest technology.

Staff will continue to provide updates and more specifics as the project progresses.

“Residents will be able to connect to others, easily control their home environment and feel peace of mind knowing, if needed, options are available to help them live independently for as long as possible,” said Joseph E. Murphy, chief executive officer. “Our goal is to offer an affordable and seamless communication and technology package for all residents’ convenience and comfort.”



# Youth Appreciation Day



The achievements of the 36 young men and women of the Masonic Children's Home were celebrated on May 19 at the 94th annual Youth Appreciation Day. Recognized for their athletics, citizenship, creativity, scholarship and vocation, each child received personalized awards.

The four graduating seniors spoke in admiration for children's home staff and donors, sharing their hopes and dreams for the future. While looking into an audience full of young and familiar faces, each of the seniors addressed the crowd with thanks.

"I moved here from South Africa, where basic necessities were hard to come by. Life was hard, but everyone here made it all so easy for me. I have made memories I will hold forever," Wandja, class of 2017, said.

Grand Master Raymond T. Dietz spoke of the "winner" inside of each child: "For over a century, Pennsylvania Masons have helped young people find the winner inside and given them the tools and confidence to stand tall. Winners are not people who never fail, but people who choose to never quit. Don't ever sell yourself short or be ashamed of who you are. Believe in yourself, reach high and dream big."

Following tradition, a tree was planted at the children's home in honor of the four graduating seniors and will serve as a lasting symbol of their ties to the children's home and the community.

Donors who have made a cumulative donation of \$1,000 or more in 2017 or are members of the Masonic Children's Home Centennial Society (those who have included a provision for the Masonic Children's Home

in their Will through a bequest or other type of planned gifts such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, securities, insurance policy, property or trust) will receive an invitation to 2018's annual Youth Appreciation Day.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

### Sarah

When Sarah came to the children's home in 2013, she was a struggling student.

"In the last three years, she has grown and matured beautifully. It has been a joy watching her grow as a person," Sarah's band director, Steven Barraclough, said.

After graduation, Sarah will attend Northampton Community College to become a veterinary technician.

"Animals and their care and well-being have been a passion of mine since I was a little girl," Sarah said.

Aside from being engaged in her studies, Sarah participated in many extracurricular activities including clubs, marching band and working part-time as a lifeguard.

Sarah is grateful for the opportunities she's received thanks to staff and donors.

"Without you, we wouldn't have a place to call home," she said. "For us, every day was a family reunion, and I will miss having the people closest to me 40 steps away."

### Autumn

Autumn came to the children's home in 2000, and some of her favorite memories include watching 80s movies and having great conversations with her friends and house parents.

Autumn has enrolled in the Douglas Education Center in Monessen, Pennsylvania, for a degree in Special Effects. Her interest in art started when she was a little girl, and the career will blend her artistic abilities with her love for movies and storytelling.

"Her ability in art is her gift to the world," Kay Reist, Autumn's art teacher, said.

When not in school or working on her latest masterpiece, Autumn works at a local amusement park, spends time with friends and volunteers in the community.



“As I leave the children’s home behind, I take wonderful memories along with me. I have learned how to be a leader and express myself through art. I hope to make everyone proud.”

### Wandja (“Curtis”)

By the time he made it to the children’s home in 2012, Curtis had already lived on three different continents.

“Rebuilding every time you travel is hard. Coming here was wonderful because I didn’t have to move over and over again,” Curtis said. “The children’s home has given me the tools I need to succeed.”

The brother of Steve, a 2014 children's home graduate currently studying at Central Penn College, Curtis will begin studying Sports Management at Millersville University in the fall.

“I chose this career because I have always had a passion for sports. It was through sports that I was able to make lasting friendships and reconnect with scattered family members. I want to work as a sports agent to one day help athletes achieve a goal I once had for myself,” Curtis said.

Curtis played varsity soccer for three years, and, during his senior year, his team made it to the State Championships.

“Growing up at Masonic has helped me so much. It’s given me a stable place to live, create friendships and build memories that I will never forget,” Curtis said.

### Anderson

Anderson was placed in foster care at 3 years old. Before arriving at the children’s home in 2015, he was bumped from home to home, never able to settle down.

“Living at the children’s home for the last two years has allowed me to achieve and participate in more things than I have in my entire life,” Anderson said. “It gave me a new life and a second chance. I truly believe it saved me.”

Anderson had many goals for himself in high school, which he achieved, including maintaining good grades and making the high school basketball team.

During his junior year - the first year he made the basketball team - Anderson got his first job bussing tables at a local restaurant and volunteered in the community at a summer camp for intellectually disabled individuals.

“Proving in the past year that he can balance a job, schoolwork and playing a high school sport, Anderson is heading in the right direction for a successful adult life,” Anderson’s basketball coach, Jonathan Parise, said.

Anderson will go on to study graphic design at California University of Pennsylvania.



# Help Make a Difference Today Through Masonic Compassionate Care

More than a century ago, Pennsylvania Freemasons had a vision to create a safe haven for aging Masons, their families, children and the community.

Masonic leaders planned and developed communities for the purposes of providing exceptional care within the highest quality environments, offering hope to the hopeless and a life worth living regardless of a person's ability to pay for the services he or she needed.

Through this vision, the Masonic Villages were born.

For more than 145 years, the Masonic Villages has provided for residents across the state through Masonic Compassionate Care. While residents' needs remain constant, the gap between one's ability to afford good care and what medical insurance and government assistance covers has widened. Health care costs can often exhaust residents' personal assets, leaving them in need of financial assistance.

*"When we reached our old age, my husband said he wanted me to be taken care of after he was gone," resident Betty said. "He knew I spent my whole life taking care of everyone else, and he wanted a break for me. If he were here now, he'd be so pleased with how people meet my every need, no matter how big or small. I'm encouraged to be independent, but I also know people are here if I need them. I never thought I would live to 100, but I'm happy I have. People here just make living easy."*

### This is where we need you.

Your donations to the Masonic Compassionate Care Fund specifically help cover residents' nursing or personal care costs and reassure them that essential services will be available to them, even if their assets deplete.

With your support, the Mission of Love that was started more than 145 years ago will continue for another century.

### GIFTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO:

1. **Masonic Compassionate Care Fund** – provides benevolent care to residents who have exhausted their financial resources; or
2. **Endowment Fund** – the earnings generated by this fund provide a source of continued financial support for benevolent care.

With gifts of cash, we can put your gift to work right away. Or, you may wish to do a planned gift such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, in your Will through a bequest, or by other planned gift options that better suit your situation.

### DONOR RECOGNITION – LEVELS OF SUPPORT

<b>Supporter</b>	<b>\$1,000 - \$2,999</b>
<b>Caregiver</b>	<b>\$3,000 - \$24,999</b>
<b>Friend</b>	<b>\$25,000 - \$99,999</b>
<b>Companion</b>	<b>\$100,000 - \$249,999</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$250,000 - \$499,999</b>
<b>Love</b>	<b>\$500,000 and higher</b>

To help the Masonic Compassionate Care live on for residents like Betty, or if you have any questions, please fill out the enclosed business reply envelope or contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454 or [giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org](mailto:giving@MasonicCharitiesPa.org).

For those who support the Masonic Compassionate Care Fund, a beautiful donor recognition wall was added to the Masonic Health Care Center in Elizabethtown. Donations received for the Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill, Sewickley and Warminster are recognized on the Mission of Love wall at those locations.

Qty	Item	Unit Cost
<b>Masonic Village at Dallas</b>		
2	Retractable awnings	\$2,300
<b>Masonic Village at Elizabethtown/Bleiler Caring Cottage</b>		
12	Portable CD players	\$80
	Gift cards to local spa	\$100
	Hospitality cart supplies	\$100
5	Annual wellness memberships	\$120
12	Conference room chairs	\$180
42	Specialty wheelchair cushions	\$500
30	EZ Repositioners	\$700
23	Specialty wheelchairs	\$1,000
4	Bose stereo systems	\$1,100
5	Electric lift recliners	\$1,200
20	Specialty mattresses	\$2,500
1	Blanket warmer	\$2,800
1	New family/living room furniture	\$3,500
10	Vital sign machines	\$3,500
5	Specialty beds for resident mobility	\$3,700
1	EKG machine	\$4,000
1	Future camp trip for residents	\$5,000
7	Bariatric/transfer lifts	\$5,000
1	Patio furniture set for Personal Care	\$5,000
1	Ceramic kiln	\$5,000
1	NuStep exercise machine	\$5,600
5	Ceiling mounted lifts	\$7,000
1	Simulation mannequin and system	\$7,500
2	Gazebos for memory support neighborhoods	\$8,000
10	Stand up lifts with scale	\$8,500
6	Total lifts with scale	\$8,500
<b>Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill</b>		
1	LifePack CR Plus	\$1,900
	Harvest Ball event	\$2,500
	Drama lessons/activities for residents	\$3,000
<b>Masonic Village at Sewickley</b>		
1	Hand rail tilt and roll scale	\$1,550
1	Camel lift	\$3,000
1	4-channel electric stimulation	\$4,400
<b>Masonic Village at Warminster</b>		
2	Digital vital sign monitors	\$1,864
1	Broda wheelchair	\$2,550
1	Pergola with awning	\$6,000
<b>Children's Home Renovation Wish List</b>		
1	70" TV for projection/events	\$1,700
	Dining room/kitchen stools	\$3,000
	Living room/basement set	\$5,500
4	Study room tables/chairs	\$6,650
	30 stackable chairs/8 tables	\$20,000
8	Bedroom sets	\$21,500

# MASONIC VILLAGES' 2017

## WISH LIST ITEMS OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING 1-800-599-6454

Thank you to those who have provided for the following items:

### Masonic Children's Home

Wayne Garafola: Various items

Evelyn Hunter-Longdon: Cottage makeover

Richard and Donna Kellenberger: Various items

Ronald and Judy McKnight: Various items

Marion Mort: Kitchenette

Fred and Mary Jane Sample: College books

Judith Wolf: College tuition for student attending Bloomsburg University

### Masonic Village at Elizabethtown

Stuart and Barbara Brown: Clubhouse library books

Richard Holt: Blanket warmer, pressure guard air mattresses

Rosemary Merwin: Sell Chapel sound/visual system

Arlene Von Nieda: Sell Chapel sound/visual system

### Masonic Village Hospice

Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302: Brother in Flight Program

### Masonic Village at Sewickley

Family of Donald Carmichael: Touchtown computer system

### Masonic Village at Warminster

Kensington-Kadosh Commandery No. 54: Chapel sign

*There is an all-inclusive wish list posted on [MasonicCharitiesPA.org](http://MasonicCharitiesPA.org), or feel free to contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454. Please note that if funds donated for any item listed are over-subscribed, the funds will be used for additional wish list items or needs in the same service area.*

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# Memorial Gifts *February 1 - April 30, 2017*

Below is a list of individuals (*names are shown in gold*) whose loved ones have made a gift in their memory to one of the five Masonic Villages located at Dallas, Elizabethtown, Lafayette Hill, Sewickley or Warminster. We have taken great care to ensure the accuracy and thoroughness of the names listed below. If an error has been made, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 1-800-599-6454; 717-367-1121, ext. 33430; or by emailing [giving@masonicvillages.org](mailto:giving@masonicvillages.org). Thank you.

We apologize for this error in the Spring 2017 issue of the Village Voice. The following is the correct listing:

**John W. Linn, Jr.** John Linn

We apologize for inadvertently missing the following listing in the Spring 2017 issue of the Village Voice:

**Thomas Alban** Mary E. Alban

**Alvin J. and Betty B. Aaron** Mark Aaron  
**Clyde Albright** Nancy Baker

Bev's Friends in Radiology  
Ralph Brunn  
Jane Gotwols  
Greg and Liora Hill  
Diane Spangler  
William and Joy Swartz  
Trinity High School

**Catherine Aldons** Aubrey Aldons  
**Opal Allen** Thomas Allen  
**William Glen Anderson** Patricia Livezey  
**Richard L. Angle** Evelyn Angle  
**Richard Austin** Edward and Rowena Morelock  
**Harriet Z. Bachman** Allen Zimmerman  
**Donald and Lillian Banzhof** James and Donna Benedict  
**Mary Anne Barnhart** Clyde Barnhart  
**William H. Bartle** Howard and Larene Castor  
**Bernard Bass** Hackenburg Mount Moriah Lodge No. 19  
**Catherine Bauer** Leroy McClellan  
**Betty Ann Beaman** Bensalem Township - PWD  
**Cora (Cookie) Beck** Paul Beck

**Donald A. Becker** Earl Boettger  
**Erla M. Beddow** Hugh Beddow  
**Wayne Blecher** Helen Blecher  
**Betty L. Boettger** Earl Boettger  
**Mae L. Bonsall** Basil Bonsall  
**Matthew P. Boyd** Edward Messner  
**Lynn G. Brandt** Russell and Faye Baker

**Archie J. Branton**  
**H. Glenn Braun**

**Evelyn L. Briel**  
**Jay G. Brossman**

**Harvey Bryson**  
**Charles and Hilda Buehler**  
**Mae A. Buss**  
**Doris Byrne**

**Mary Brinser Calvert**

**Kenneth R. Calvin**  
**Alma F. Casaro**

**Philip H. Chamberlin**  
**Howard Clark**  
**Henry A. Clay**

**William J. Conkle, Jr.**  
**John D. Constance**  
**Elsie R. Corlett**  
**Paul Crawford**  
**Charles W. Croft, Jr.**

Jane Branton  
Nikolaus and Helen Kecks  
McKinley-Stuckrath Lodge No. 318  
Thomas and Claudia Stephens  
Ken and Elaine Bleiler  
Colorado Chapter No. 2, O.E.S  
Charles and Carol Curry  
Calvin and Diane Ewell  
Ray and Pat Horn  
Bruce and Joan Howarth  
Sarah Kinzey  
Jack and Elaine Lupco  
Masonic Village Travel Club  
Dolores Miller  
Bob and Betty Roeder  
Jack Smith  
Audrey Stroup  
Barbara Zell

William and Rita Atherholt  
Clinton and Karen Probst  
Ruth Chapter No. 19, O.E.S.  
Warren and Helen Heidelbaugh  
Masonic Village Travel Club  
Tom and Deb Riley  
Audrey Stroup  
Dale and Debra Burkett  
Central Dauphin Middle School Faculty  
Elizabethtown Chapter No. 407, O.E.S.  
William and Mary Taylor  
Houseman Lodge No. 211  
Dennis and Deborah Bonanno  
Verizon Foundation  
Alice Chamberlin  
James and Carole Clark  
Charles and Carol Curry  
Vicki Gillmore  
Edward and Rowena Morelock  
Carl and Neda Mae Wert  
William and Deanna Conkle  
John Constance  
Horace and Prudy Mann  
Robert and April Plaikner  
Southampton Square Club

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